

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: MAY 4, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #3 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR  
TRANSPORTATION BODIES

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**ISSUE:** Update of Funding and actions of major Transportation bodies.

**RECOMMENDATION:** No Action is required. Information only.

**DISCUSSION:**

This memorandum provides a brief monthly update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies that relate to Alexandria.

General updates on funding-related issues of local, regional and national importance are provided below. Attachment 1 is the Commission's regular Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding.

**City: City Council**

A resolution endorsing the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Busway was passed by City Council on April 12, 2011.

**State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)**

The Commonwealth Transportation Board released a draft Six Year Plan on April 21, 2011. Staff has reviewed this plan and has drafted a letter with the City's response to the plan which was reviewed at the City Council meeting of April 26, 2011. (Attachment 3)

**Regional: Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) , Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)**

*Transportation Planning Board (TPB)*

The Transportation Planning Board received an update on the federal transportation reauthorization legislation and efforts within the region to develop improved bus facilities such as the Crystal City-Potomac Yard Busway and the Van Dorn-Beauregard transit improvements being funded here in Alexandria by a federal TIGER grant.

*Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)*

The WMATA Board approved the exercise of a Metro Access Contract Option for two years, which enabled WMATA to save \$4.3 million in operating expenses originally budgeted for FY2012, and will enable WMATA to develop a new request for proposals which may have additional incentives to provide better service while reducing costs. The WMATA Board also released a set of revised bylaws for public comment, which came out of the Board's Governance Committee.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)*

The NVTC Board provided staff with their input regarding metrics a consultant can use to establish the benefit of WMATA to the region. The bicycle improvements which should be part of the King Street Metrorail access improvements project were also mentioned in a NVTC item.

*Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)*

The NVTA approved the FY2013-FY2017 RSTP-CMAQ allocation plan which was developed by the NVTA's Jurisdictional and Agency Coordinating Committee. The allocation for Alexandria is attached to this item (Attachment 2).

**Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards**

None

**Attachment 1:** Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding

**Attachment 2:** FY2013-FY2017 RSTP-CMAQ Plan